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SPORTS

WILLARD SHOULD
KEEP TITLE IN
MORAN CONTEST

Knockout Not Expected in Ten
Rounds When Heavyweights
Meet in New York Bout

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, March 7.—The coming bout between Willard and Frank Moran is of unusual interest in that it brings to bear upon the heavyweight title several angles which are unusual in ring contests wherein this title has been involved. Under the laws of the state of New York the boxers will meet in what is termed a 10-round sparring exhibition without decision and if both men are on their feet at the expiration of 30 minutes of boxing future ring records will carry the bout as a no-decision contest.

Consequently the only way in which the heavyweight championship could pass from Willard, the holder, to Moran would be for the latter to knock out his opponent or win on a foul so deliberate that there could be no question as to its intent. It can be seen therefore that the chief interest in the contest hinges on the probability of either Willard or Moran knocking out his opponent and thus demonstrating decisive supremacy.

Since the days when heavyweights first donned gloves and fought under Queensberry rules the ring records show that knockouts in bouts in which champions have participated have averaged well over 10 rounds notwithstanding that the list includes such powerful hitters as Jeffries, Fitzsimmons, Sharkey, Johnson and Sullivan. Going back to the year 1892 when Corbett won from Sullivan in 21 rounds the tables show that seven heavyweight title holders fought 18 battles in which the championship was at stake.

No Short Bouts.
These contests included those in which the battles terminated in a knockout or a referee's decision. All told 242 rounds were fought and the average rounds to a knockout was approximately 13 1/2. In this list of ring battles are included several in which poor opponents were quickly disposed of, such as the Jeffries-Munroe and the Burns-Squires bouts. When the list is pruned to those in which the title actually passed, the average is still higher. From the time Corbett disposed of Sullivan until Willard punched Johnson into the ex-championship class seven title holders rose and fell and the total number of rounds necessary in the change of championships was 118, which gives an average of very close to 17 rounds per title battle.

From these figures it will be seen that the chances of a knockout in the ten-round bout between Willard and Moran are against such a feat. The record of the boxers themselves when taken in connection with the performance of the prospective opponent would appear to be against the scoring of a knockout inside of 10 rounds. Moran has fought 42 bouts, winning 19 or about 45 per cent by knockouts and the average duration of bouts ending in a knockout was five rounds.

Willard has engaged in 30 battles, 18 of which he won by the K. O. route giving him an average of about 60 per cent. The average of rounds to knockouts in the champion's case is 6 2/3 for these 18 bouts. That either Willard or Moran can fight up to these averages when faced by an opponent of the calibre that he will be called upon to meet in this contest is most unlikely.

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TENNIS PLAY TO
BEGIN MARCH 15

Devotees of tennis will have another opportunity to watch the work of the Knights of the Racquet on March 15, when the first match of the Hawaiian championships will be staged. This was decided at a meeting of the tennis committee yesterday afternoon.

As stated in the Star-Bulletin during the time of the Carnival tournament, ladies' singles and mixed doubles would bring out much interest. Fortunately the committee incorporated these events in the tennis program, which will do much to improve popular interest here. Honolulu watched good tennis in the play last month, and with the local stars playing up to form, the matches should bring out a good crowd.

The entries for the men's singles will close on Monday afternoon, March 13, at 5 o'clock. Entry blanks may be obtained from James W. Harvey of E. O. Hall & Sons. Drawings will be made immediately after the entry blanks are received. The schedule of matches will appear in the Star-Bulletin. Entry fees to each event will be \$1. A. L. Castle is chairman. Alan Lowrey, master of courts and John O'Dowda will have charge of publicity and schedules.



John Ganzel, who visited Honolulu this winter, announced that he would purchase the Toledo Club, but after making an offer of \$40,000 for the franchise, withdrew and is now looking around for another club.

Guy Chamberlain, the great end of last year's Nebraska team, has signed a contract to play baseball with the Indianapolis team.

It is announced that the Army and Navy games for 1916 and 1917 will be played at the Polo Grounds.

Leach Cross, who has fought hundreds of battles in the squared circle, has announced his retirement.

The most interesting figure connected with the Willard-Moran meeting easily is Tex Rickard. The man who is going to risk close to \$100,000, mainly because he was determined to finish what he had started, is a good deal along the type of the Western hero of action.

He is above the medium height, dark and slender. His brown eyes are kind, and yet they have that impersonal, distant expression that comes from looking over great expanses of plains or water. His voice is soft, but it carries conviction.

His movements and habit of thinking appear to be rather deliberate, and yet there are few men who can move faster physically or mentally than he can. A man with the judgment to play a good hand and the nerve to make a bad one win, a man of deeds rather than words, a strong friend and a dangerous foe—that's Tex Rickard.

We have heard persons make unkind remarks about wrestlers, and yet the two professionals who recently played a nine-hour draw in a chess tournament didn't even get the exercise contained in flopping around on a mat.

HEXATHLON BEGINS
TONIGHT AT "Y" WITH
MANY STARS ENTERED

While the fields and tracks are soggy out of doors the gymnasiums of the Y. M. C. A. are increasingly popular as indoor performance ground. The hexathlon begins tonight with three events on the board. They are the shot put, the high jump and the 60-yard, or long potato race.

The shot is to be the 12-pound one. The competitor who puts it only 18 feet is somewhat out of luck, but at 39 feet he has won himself 50 points. And the husky who puts the 12-pounder out 43 feet has a whole century of points to his credit.

In the high jump the contender must clear 5 feet 7 inches for his 100 points, but the 75 points which is the goal of the local men is received when the bar is cleared at five feet. The 60-yard potato race must be run in 18 seconds to get one lone point, but from there on the points increase until at 14 seconds flat the scoreboard will show 100 points.

Next Friday night the remaining three events will be run off. Then next Tuesday night all six will be run over by those athletes who make the best showings this week. They will then attempt to lower their previous records. Any record made at any time these two weeks counts, which gives every athlete the chance to perform when at his best.

It is thought that after this Saturday's A. A. U. meet probably the whole Triple A team will turn in and go after the hexathlon.

RECORD FOR 440
EVENT MADE ON
TRACK IN 1900

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ner was J. B. Taylor, the colored flyer of the University of Pennsylvania. Taylor at one time held the record in the intercollegiate. Taylor and Nat Cartmell were two of the stars at Pennsylvania at that time, and the colored runner entered the 440 at Norfolk. From the start it was anything to beat the colored runner, and Taylor was forced outside, but by a burst of speed he passed the bunch close to the tape and won one of the greatest races in the A. A. U. history. Taylor was a clean type of athlete and the track fans in numbers regretted to hear of his death, which occurred some time ago.

Around 1908 and 1909 Lindberg of Chicago took much of the honors in the 440-yard run, but Jack Nelson of W. S. C. also showed a burst of speed in this event, and he was one of the few short distance men who could cover the quarter-mile under 50 seconds. Chicago University gave a great runner to athletics in Ira Davenport, who was a star half-miler as well as a marvel in the 440-yard event. In 1910 Davenport ran the quarter in 48 4/5, which is still the conference record.

Reidpath a Star.
Then Halpin came into the limelight in 1912, and at the same time C. D. Reidpath of Syracuse jumped to the front. He made the quarter in 48 flat, which still is a record for a college meet, and topped this off by beating the best of the 440 men at Stockholm. After Reidpath left school Haff of Michigan was the star, but the Ann Arbor man never came up to the mark of the Olympic winner.

Following these men came Ted Meredith, who has been the peer of the quarter-milers for the past two years. He has been beaten by Caldwell in special races, but Caldwell is better known in the 880-yard circles. Of the present day men Meredith, Sloan of San Francisco, Wilkie, the Yale runner, Bingham and Wilcox, the football star of Harvard, and Desmond, the colored runner of Chicago, may be classed as stars. Robinson of Michigan, who was a real star at preparatory school, promises to equal Meredith's mark, but at the present time is out of athletics on account of failure to burn the midnight oil.

Minor Athletes.
Each club and school will claim their stars, and each section of the country bids for honors, but to the East and Middle West must go the major laurels. There have been a number of stars on the coast, but Frank Sloan, who ran close to Meredith last year in 47 flat, the record not being allowed on account of the wind, is perhaps the best quarter-miler that has ever represented the West. Campbell, Nelson, Kadderly, Wyman and others have starred and Dick Grant of Stanford promises to be a star, but it is up to the present day men to take the laurels from the East. Amherst men have much to say of Young, who was a real college champion.

There are many other quarter-mile runners who have made good, but those mentioned have secured the most laurels when the 440-yard men are mentioned. Hawaii has not yet secured the right to claim a star man for this distance, but with the increased interest in track it is certain that soon a runner will be developed who can crowd the 50 flat mark. Mills next Saturday promises to break his present record, which will be one step in advance. The next article will tell of the stars in the half-mile event.

South African Does Fast 100.

In the recent Transvaal track and field championships at Johannesburg, F. M. Solomon, the South African champion, won the 100-yard title in 9 4/5 seconds. O. H. Patching, the only man ever credited with 9 4/5 seconds in an English amateur athletic association championship, was in the lead up to 10 yards from the finish, when he broke down, his impetus carrying him over the line for third place.

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